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- :50 Dr. Kim was born on April 22, 1930 in North Korea. His father decided to pursue higher education so he took his family to Japan. His family returned after about three years in Japan.
- 2:00 He recalled that during his 9th grade he spent his time as a machinist making guns and bullets for the Japanese.
- 4:10 During WW II his family did not suffer anymore than anyone else. His family's religious background was Christian from his grandfather's generation.
- 7:25 There was not much actual damage from WW II but the real damage came when the Russian Army invaded North Korea. As the result of communism and the news that his father would be arrested his family escaped to the South.
- 10:40 Once his family settled down in the South, he entered high school. By the time the Korean War broke out he had finished high school and had entered Seoul National University as a pre-med student.
- 13:00 With the takeover of South Korea by the North, there was cut off food. This was an attempt by the North to make the South Koreans submit. He, in the mean time, remained in hiding for fear of being drafted into the North Korean Army. His mother during this time was taken away by the North Korean agents and he has not heard of her since.
- 20:00 His family escaped from Seoul during the second invasion when the Chinese army crossed into Korea. His family went to Pusan. His family suffered enormous hardship during this time.
- 24:10 Once the War ended his family moved back to Seoul. Their house was still intact. Seoul, however, was totally devastated.
- 27:00 After one year in the Korean Navy he continued on with his medical school and completed his training by 1956. He then came the United States for an internship. He came with \$100.00.

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- 31:00 He interned one year at Tucson, Arizona. He then enrolled at the University of Arizona and finished his Phd program in psychiatry in three years. He then did his internship in clinical psychology in Buffalo, New York.
- 34:00 He met his wife while he was still going to medical school in Korea. She came to Buffalo to marry him. After he had finished his training he thought about going back to Korea, but found out there were no positions open in Korea. He then went to work at Vacaville Correctional Institution in 1963.
- 39:00 After various moves he moved to Davis, California in 1970. He recalled that the Korean community was very small and there was not even a church. The first Korean store was located 16th and W Streets around 1975.
- 43:00 He feels that the Korean churches which numbers around 7 in the Sacramento area will continue to grow. Sees the church as meeting various needs from social to religious. Because of the sufferings of the Korean people they seem to be more religious.
- 46:00 Talks about things that divide Korean people. Traditional division of classes seem to still exist. Language is even status or station oriented. Age is an important factor of status.
- 48:00 As a person trained in psychiatry he sees the new immigrants dealing with survival issues. Those who have been in the United States for ten to fifteen years faces other stress problems. New immigrants also face language problems within the family because of the differing skill levels between the Korean parents and their children. Also there are problems with traditional male and female roles as result of changes brought on by economic realities.
- 53:28 He is reasonably optimistic of the future the Korean community because of the potential of the Korean youth. Also there seems to be a strong sentiment in the Korean community for retaining their ethnic heritage.